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### **Maryland Resident Sentenced to 90 Months in Prison for Possession of Child Pornography and Traveling Interstate to Have Sex with a Minor**

WASHINGTON - A 30-year-old Reisterstown, Maryland man, Michael Gene Reed, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 90 months in prison for possession of child pornography and traveling interstate to have sex with a minor in June 2008, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced.

The sentence was imposed by the Honorable Judge Richard W. Roberts, who also ordered that Reed will be placed on supervised release for a period of 180 months upon completion of his prison term. Reed's supervision will include limitations on his contact with minors, computers, and the Internet. Reed will also be required to register as a sex offender and will be required to comply with a mental health assessment and treatment during his supervised release.

Reed pled guilty on October 14, 2008, to one count of traveling interstate with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct and one count of possession of child pornography.

According to the government's proffer of evidence, on June 9, 2008, a detective from the FBI/MPD Innocent Images Task Force was on-line in a location within the District of Columbia and acting in an undercover capacity. During on-line conversations with the detective, Reed described in detail how he wanted to engage in sexual acts with minors. Reed ultimately agreed to travel from his home in Maryland to the District of Columbia for the purpose of engaging in sex acts with a fictitious 12-year-old girl, to whom the detective claimed to have access.

On June 13, 2008, the defendant traveled from Maryland to the District of Columbia expressly for the purpose of engaging in sexual contact with the fictitious child described by the detective. Metropolitan Police Officers and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Reed and obtained a search warrant for his residence in Maryland. An examination of Reed's home computer revealed that he was in possession of between 300 and 600 sexually explicit images of children under the age of sixteen. Well over 150 of the images are of prepubescent children. Over 30 of the images qualify as sadistic images in that they depict actual penetration, either oral, anal, or genital, of prepubescent children.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood and the Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. In February 2006, the Attorney General created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended members of the FBI/MPD Child Exploitation Task Force, in particular Timothy Palchak, support staff member Jeannette Fennell, who assisted with contacting the many victims in the case, and the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Neil Floyd, who prosecuted the case.

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